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Rev. James A. Elliott,

St. John's Rectory,

Port Hope, Ont.

Dear Mr. Elliott:

I can quite appreciate the difficulty of ~~everyeanyny~~ of the clergymen of the Province might be experiencing in view of the multitude of appeals that are made to them for their endoreation and active support. Also, I quite realise that to turn the pulpit into a mere chair of advocacy for social and political affairs would be to ruin its influence. However, I have the feeling that the prosecution of the war is so fundamental, not only for the maintenance of our present society, but also for the furtherance of ideas that are essentially Christian throughout the world, that in appealing to the clergy to bring the issues of the war before their people as frequently as possible only means in the long run to strengthen the cause in which they are spending their life. My fear has been that Canada might come through this war without having realised what is involved in it, and that the results of the sacrifice of so many will have been meagre as compared with what they might have been. If, however, the ministers and those engaged in the teaching of idealism in schools and the press will continue for a short time to impress these issues upon the people there cannot in my judgment fail to be a good result.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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